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Applicants: Guillaume RIBADEAU-DUMAS,
Catherine FOUCHE and Pierrick DUFLOT

Group Art Unit: 1761

Serial No.: 09/305,178

Examiner: P. Dubois

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For: A SWEETENING COMPOSITION AND ITS USES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the above- identified Applicants be granted an extension of time for the period of one (1) month from March 14, 2000 to April 14, 2000, in the above-identified application to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated December 14, 1999.

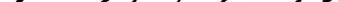
Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the time extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 08-1650.

If the Examiner has any questions, or wishes to discuss this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 14, 2000

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